



San Jacinto River Waste Pits | Superfund Site
Draft Community Involvement Plan 2010

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: LETTER FROM REGION 6

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN PURPOSE

EPA's Community Involvement Plan (CIP) for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site ("Site") will identify tools and activities that will be used to address community interests regarding the Site and the associated cleanup project. The Plan will serve as a guide for EPA's public awareness program for the Site and provide the public with opportunities for greater awareness about the project. The CIP provides detailed descriptions of these tools and identifies how they will be used to address community concerns and promote public awareness of the project's status. The CIP also contains a glossary, references, and a series of appendices designed to serve as resources for both EPA and the community. Specific sections include the EPA and project team, local government and media contacts, and directions on how to obtain additional Superfund and EPA information.

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN OVERVIEW

This Community Involvement Plan recognizes and addresses the challenges presented by the diversity of the communities involved in the project. Consistent with the goal of successful community involvement, this plan focuses on broad-based opportunities for disseminating project information and opportunities for interaction between the public and EPA staff and management. Community members will continue to be given significant opportunities for both formal and informal input on a wide range of issues. However, it is important to note that the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), commonly known as Superfund, and the regulations spelled out in the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) govern EPA's response actions under the Superfund program. The statute and regulations require EPA to retain all decision-making authority and do not allow the Agency to delegate authority to citizens groups or other outside interests.

Resources

The CIP is a blueprint for public awareness of issues related to the Site cleanup project. It is a companion to a number of Site reports, plans, decision documents, and other sources of information that are and will be available for review. Because EPA does not yet have the information necessary to identify the precise timing of all activities and points for community awareness, this CIP will remain a living document that will evolve as the project progresses.

SITE OVERVIEW

SITE DESCRIPTION

SITE HISTORY

SITE CLEANUP [REMEDY TBD]

COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

COMMUNITY PROFILE

[DEMOGRAPHICS | DESCRIPTION]

HISTORY OF COMMUNITY'S ENGAGEMENT W/ SITE

KEY COMMUNITY NEEDS & CONCERNS

[RESULTS FROM RESEARCH PROJECT]

EPA'S COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT GOALS

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TOOLS & ACTIVITIES

- Community Awareness Committee
- Coordination with Local Government and Agencies
- Fact Sheets
- Public Availability Sessions
- Public Comment Period
- Public Input
- Public Forums
- Reports/Concept Documents/Work Plans

THE PLAN

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

UPDATES TO THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN

LISTS OF ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS

GLOSSARY

EPA REGIONAL CONTACTS

FEDERAL & STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

[LISTING]

OTHER CONTACTS: FEDERAL STATE AND PRP

KEY MEDIA CONTACTS

MEETING LOCATIONS

INFORMATION SOURCES

Online Information about the Site:

- EPA Region 6 website: www.epa.gov/_____.
- Examples of topics or information available at this website include:
 - Site Background, Frequently Asked Questions, and Comprehensive Glossary of Terms
 - Public Participation Information and Documents (e.g., Community Involvement Plan)
 - Project Design Progress Reports, Work Plans
 - Facility Siting Updates and Reports
 - Performance Standards, Updates and Reports, Site Maps and Photos
 - Site Documents such as Settlements, Record of Decision, RI/FS Reassessment Reports
 - Ways to Stay Informed About Site Activities

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